$\mathfrak{Z}^{\text{below about 1 second are preferred, as are pulse repetition periods in the range 1}$ millisecond to 1 second. Duty ratios T/ $\tau \geq$ about 5, and preferably \geq about 8, are preferred.--

IN THE CLAIMS

- 9. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein pulse duration $\tau = 7$ from about 0.01 to 2.0 milliseconds.
- 10. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein pulse duration $\tau =$ from about 0.02 to 1.1 milliseconds.
- 11. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein pulse duration $\tau =$ from about 0.1 to 0.3 milliseconds.

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- 35. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the transducer is operated at a duty ratio of \geq about 5.
- 36. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein the transducer is operated at a duty ratio of > about 8.